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DE 4313284 is a German-language reference. Enclosed is a full English-language translation of this document. JP 57-140339 is a Japanese-language reference. An English-

language abstract for this reference is provided. JP 61-91042 is a Japanese-language reference. Enclosed is a full English-language translation of this reference. JP 64-14129 is a Japanese-language reference. Enclosed is an English-language abstract for this reference.

Also enclosed are the International (PCT) Search and Examination Reports for the PCT application number US01/28728 filed 11 September 2001 from which the present application derives its priority.

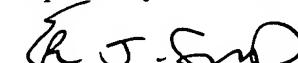
This application claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/231,895, filed 11 September 2000 and is related to Application No. 10/009,291, filed 5 November 2001, which is also being examined by Examiner Blackwell-Rudasil. The identification of these U.S. patent applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to these applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

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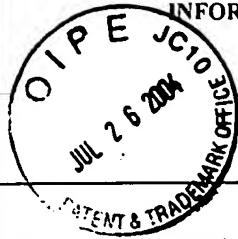
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